

# PROSPECTUS

OF

## THE SAINT JOHN SUSPENSION BRIDGE COMPANY.

At the last Session of the General Assembly of this Province, an Act was passed to Incorporate the undersigned, his associates, and assigns, by the name of "THE SAINT JOHN SUSPENSION BRIDGE COMPANY," for the purpose of constructing a Suspension Bridge, of Iron Wire, across the Falls of the River Saint John, at Split Rock, near the City of Saint John; the Capital of the Company to be £20,000, divided into four thousand shares of £5 each, with power to increase the Stock to £40,000, when necessary.

The Act contains the usual provisions for the organization and management of the Company, and for the annual election of five Directors, each holding not less than twenty shares of Stock; each share of Stock to give one vote in the choice of Directors, and on all other questions affecting the business of the Company. Power is given to enter upon lands on both sides of the River, to make and complete the necessary erections for the Bridge, and to survey and lay out roads and approaches to it, as also to set up turnpike gates and toll houses at either end of the Bridge, and to demand and receive tolls, not exceeding the following rates: For every foot passenger two-pence; for every horse, one shilling; every carriage drawn by one horse, with one person, two shillings; each additional horse, sixpence; each additional person in the carriage, two-pence; neat cattle, four-pence each; sheep, calves and hogs, half-penny each.

The Bridge to be completed in three years after the passing of the Act, otherwise the operation of the Act to cease.

The Act further provides, that the Bridge shall be constructed of iron wire or chains, in all respects of sufficient strength and quality to render it safe for life and property; and that it shall not be opened for public use until it is certified to the Lieutenant Governor by a competent engineer to be appointed by him, that the Bridge is in all respects of sufficient strength and materials for the purpose for which it is intended.

This Act is not to come into effect until Her Majesty's Royal Assent is thereunto had and declared.

So soon as the Royal Assent is declared, it is the intention of the Undersigned, under the powers and privileges granted by the Act, to commence the construction of the Suspension Bridge therein mentioned, and complete the same as soon as possible, of the following dimensions, or as near thereto as circumstances will admit.

The length of roadway between the towers of suspension will be about five hundred feet; this roadway, as provided by the Act, will be at least seventy feet above high water level in the River below. At each end of this roadway, there will be an approach of about one hundred feet, making the whole length of the Bridge about seven hundred feet; the width of the roadway will be about twenty-three feet, with a carriage way of fifteen feet in the centre, and a foot way on each side, four feet wide. The Bridge will be supported by four iron wire cables of not less than five and a half inches in diameter, to be carried over a granite tower at each end, such towers to be not less than thirty-five feet in height above the roadway, resting on sufficient foundations, and of proper size.

All the wood work of the Bridge to be of hachmatac, or other wood of the first quality in the country, and all other materials to be of the best quality. The whole wood work to be well painted as far as necessary, and the wire cables and iron work to be well prepared and coated to prevent corrosion.

The Undersigned proposes to construct the whole Bridge and its approaches, with toll houses, gates, and every other requisite for its use, and to the satisfaction of the Engineer to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, for the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds New Brunswick currency, including compensation for land occupied or damaged. This sum of £20,000 to be divided into 4000 shares of £5 each, as provided by the Act, payable as follows: One half the amount subscribed by each Shareholder to be paid on the completion of the said Bridge, and on its being certified as ready for public use; and the remaining half of the subscriptions in three, six, nine, and twelve months thereafter, with interest until paid. The Bridge and all its appurtenances and privileges to be then delivered to the shareholders, free of all claims, demands and incumbrances whatsoever; and all tolls received or earned in the meantime to be then accounted for to the Shareholders.

Saint John, N. B., 16th May, 1849.

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